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Dear Mr. Ximenes:

Pursuant to my letter of recent date informing you of the scheduled meeting of the New Mexico Fair Employment Practices Commission and the selection of a committee from the Santa Fe G. I. Forum to appear before the above commission, further information is furnished to you herein.

The meeting was held Monday December 2nd, and the following members of the Forum appeared before the Commission: Marcos Sanchez, Chairman of the Santa Fe Forum; Alfonso Sanchez, Legal Advisor of the New Mexico Organization, and myself, comprised this committee. It was stated to the State Agency that the Forum Committee was appearing for the purpose of furthering the complaint filed previously with the Commission by the G. I. Forum on the discriminatory practices and derogatory language in the Constitution of the Railway Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginmen. The whole file was reviewed and the status of the matter was ascertained to the effect that the matter was still pending since a Federal Court case was to come up in the State of Ohio which could very well determine the course that could probably be taken by the New Mexico Fair Employment Practices Commission.

The Union had previously informed the State Commission that they wanted to await the decision of the above cited case before they could decide what action to take. Alfonso Sanchez, acting as a spokesman for the Forum Committee, outlined the possible courses that could be entertained by the above Commission, one of which is the filing of a case in Court here in New Mexico. After considerable discussion, the FEPC suggested and recommended that further action in New Mexico be withheld pending the outcome of the Ohio case. Accordingly, the Director of the FEPC was instructed to contact authorities in the State of Ohio to learn of this case, and requested a copy of the actual case as filed. Therefore, upon review of this information, the FEPC would be in a better position to determine how to pursue the matter here in New Mexico

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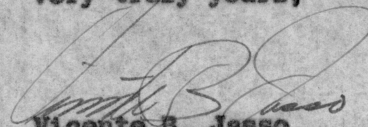
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Also, since you were previously notified by the President's Committee on Government Contracts, that this matter was under their consideration in an effort to bring Common Carriers under its jurisdiction, the Director of the FEPC was also instructed to contact the President's Committee on Government contracts to see what action they had brought about.

Therefore, the above information is briefly what transpired at the last meeting of the FEPC. Of course, further action on our part and that of the FEPC will depend greatly on what may come about in Ohio, and in reply from the President's Committee. I might add that since this meeting, Mr. Burrell, FEPC Director, has informed me that he has already secured the name of the attorney who handled the case in Ohio and was contacting him on the matter.

Very truly yours,


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